

LT. CH. W. PLACE—WIDOW OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 671.]

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APRIL 20, 1860.

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Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of Adelia C. Place, widow of Charles W. Place, late of the United States navy, asking a pension, report:*

That your committee have given this application full care, and think the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

It appears from the evidence that the husband of the petitioner, Charles W. Place, was a lieutenant in the United States navy, and was on board the sloop-of-war Germantown, ordered to the East India station in August, 1857. It further appears that on the 15th of December of same year Lieutenant Place was engaged, under the order of his superior officer, "in transporting the two lower guns from forward, aft, for the purpose of trimming and easing the ship," and while so engaged the ship gave a lee lurch, which caused one of the guns to slip, catching the left foot and ankle of Lieut. Place between two of the trucks of the guns, cutting and inflicting deep wounds. In consequence of these wounds, within a month subsequent it became necessary to amputate the leg, mortification having supervened; Lieut. Place survived this operation but one day, and died on the 9th of January, 1858.

Lieut. Place is highly spoken of as an efficient and useful officer, and having thus lost his life in the service, and in the line of duty, leaving unprovided for his widow and three children, your committee think the petitioner presents a proper claim for relief, and they therefore report the accompanying bill, and ask its favorable consideration.

